

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is requested.

In the office action mailed on February 17, 2006, it was pointed out that the amendments to the claims in the listing of claims included in the reply filed on February 8, 2006 (i.e., in reply to an office action mailed on November 8, 2005) were considered non-compliant because the amendments did not meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121. Specifically, the following aspects of the listing of claims included in the reply filed on February 8, 2006 were identified as requiring correction:

- (a) the text of all withdrawn claims should have been included in the listing of claims, but such text was not so included; and
- (b) certain of the claims had incorrectly been identified as being "Amended", rather than "Currently amended".

These non-compliant aspects of the listing of claims in the reply filed on February 8, 2006 have now been corrected, with the listing of claims enclosed herewith. The Applicant submits that the listing of claims enclosed herewith is compliant with 37 CFR 1.121.

The Applicant notes that the Applicant's remarks regarding the amended claims (i.e., in response to the office action dated November 8, 2005) were included in the reply filed by the Applicant on February 8, 2006.

On the basis of the proposed amendments to the claims and the foregoing remarks, reconsideration of this application and its early allowance are requested. The Applicant's agent invites the Examiner to contact the Applicant's agent via telephone if the Examiner considers that a telephone conference would be of assistance in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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